

LEYTONSTONE. WANSTEAD & DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

RULES

Amended. June 2002

1 NAME AND OBJECT

- a) The Society shall be known as "The Leytonstone, Wanstead & District Philatelic Society".
- b) The objects of the Society shall be to promote the study and practice of philately and in pursuit thereof to do all such things as are ordinarily done by philatelic societies, including the holding of meetings, displays, lectures, exchanges, auctions of stamps, etc.
- c) The Society shall hold competitions as decided by the Committee and governed by the Competition rules of the Society.
- d) The Society shall run a Sales packet, under the control of a Packet Superintendent, and the conduct of the packet shall be subject to the rules of the packet and the Society.

2 MEMBERSHIP

- a) Application for membership shall be made to the Secretary, or other Officer of the Society in writing. The subscription shall become due and payable upon joining and renewable from the date of the A.G.M. If subscription is not paid by 31st December, membership will cease.
- b) The applicant shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by all the rules of the Society in force at the time of his/her joining; and as amended from time to time under Rule 13.
- c) Honorary Life Membership may be conferred in extraordinary circumstances by a majority vote at an Annual General Meeting to a person who has given exceptional service to the Society.
- d) Honorary Vice-Presidents may be nominated for election at the A.G.M.

3 SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The amount of the annual subscription shall be set at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting and shall remain the same from year to year, unless altered by a Resolution at another A.G.M. or E.G.M. .
- b) Categories of membership shall be as follows:
 - Honorary life member,
 - Full member,
 - Junior member (under 18),
 - Joint husband and wife,
 - Contributor member.

4. SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS

- a) A member shall be suspended for non-payment of subscription or other fees or monies owing by him/her to the Society, and if after two written applications for such, no reasonable excuse is forthcoming, upon action of the Committee, the member's name shall be deleted from the membership register without further notice.
- b) If the conduct of any member shall in the opinion of the Committee be considered detrimental to the interests and objects of the Society, such member shall be requested to explain his/her action to the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

5. RESIGNATIONS

- a) Every member shall be considered a subscriber for the ensuing season unless his/her resignation in writing has been sent by post or handed to the Secretary one month prior to the date from which the annual subscriptions become due.

6. EXECUTIVE

- a) The Committee shall consist of the President, Chairman, Vice- Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Assistant Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Packet Superintendent, Publicity Officer, and five other members, who shall have power to add to their numbers, and they shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting or their prior resignation. All Officers and Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The Committee shall have the power to assign other officers such as Librarian and Editor of *BYE POST* to any one of its members. The Committee may at its discretion elect Honorary Vice-Presidents who shall not be eligible to serve on the Committee.
- b) Should an Officer die or resign during his/her term of office, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt or appoint a replacement for the rest of the year.
- c) The decision of the Committee upon all matters affecting the Society and not provided for in the Rules shall be final and binding on all members.

7. MEETINGS

- a) The Society shall hold meetings at least once a month, excluding August, and the time and place of such meetings shall be authorised by the Chairman, or the Vice-chairman or the Committee. Committee meetings shall be held at least three times a year.
- b) The Annual General Meeting shall take place during the month of April, May or June, at which meeting the Treasurer shall submit audited accounts for the preceding financial year (1st April to 31st March), for adoption by the members present.
- c) Extraordinary General Meetings may be called by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Committee as and when they deem it necessary, or upon being so requested by at least ten members of the Society.
- d) Any member desirous of moving a resolution at an A.G.M. or E.G.M. shall give notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary not less than twenty-eight days before the date of such meeting.
- e) Fourteen days' clear notice is to be given in writing to all members of the Annual General Meeting and any Extraordinary General Meeting called. A quorum for the A.G.M. or an E.G.M. shall be a MINIMUM OF ONE TENTH OF THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE TIME OF THE A.G.M. OR E.G.M., OR TEN members IN ALL, INCLUDING OFFICERS, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

8. AUDIT

- a) An auditor shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and he/she shall hold that office until resignation or the next A.G.M., and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

9. VISITORS

- a) Members may introduce visitors at any meeting and they shall enter their names in the book provided for that purpose, but the same visitor shall not be introduced twice in the same season without the consent of an Officer or member of the Committee.

10. ADDRESS

- a) Any notice sent by prepaid post to the address of a member registered in the books of the Society shall be deemed to have been properly directed, and no claim shall be sustained on the part of a member who has failed to notify a change of address to the Secretary in time to prevent misdirection of any notice or other communication.

11. COMMISSION ON SALES DEDUCTED FOR THE SOCIETY'S FUNDS

- a) Commission on the packet shall be according to the packet rules.
- b) Commission on auction sales shall be at the Committee's discretion.

12. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

- a) In the event of the above Society reaching a situation where it is no longer viable to continue (this shall apply if membership falls below 5) it may be dissolved by those remaining members, and the assets of the Society shall be donated to the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies.

13. AMENDMENT

- a) Any of the foregoing Rules shall be subject to amendment by resolution of the Annual General Meeting or of a special meeting summoned for the purpose. Notice of such amendments shall be served upon each member not less than fourteen days before the time fixed for holding such meeting.